

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 14-16, 26, 27, 35 and 43 have been amended and new claims 44-47 have been added.

Claims 1-3 and 16 have been amended to insert Markush terminology in place of the previous language. Claim 14 was divided into two claims (see new claim 44) and the identification of the MS reagent has been clarified. The dependency of claim 15 thus had to be changed. Claim 26 also was divided into three claims (see new claims 45 and 46) and claim 27 was divided into two claims (see new claim 47). The dependency of claim 27 also had to be corrected to provide a proper antecedent. Claim 35 was amended simply for clarification. Finally in claim 43, "claims" was simply replaced with "claim." All of the changes have been made simply to clarify the language and do not alter the scope of the claimed subject matter. No new matter is added.

Applicants request examination of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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